

This order of service can be used in conjunction with the service video found on the First Presbyterian Church Pottstown PA YouTube channel.

In preparation for worship, we encourage you to create a prayer space in your home in which your household can comfortably gather. Perhaps a Christ candle would help you center in his presence.

FPCP HOUSE CHURCH Service of the Lord's Day

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water.
As we worship you this day show us who we are:
channels of your love and vessels of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead" arr. Martin

*Gathering Words

Come, you who are thirsty—
here is living water.
Come, you who are weary—
here is the fount of eternal life.
Let us drink from the well of grace.
Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn Blest Are They, verses 1-3 (see other page)

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be the people you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. (*silent confession*) God of compassion, by your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.


Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

L: Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Come, follow me."

*Response



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Time With Children

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

Meditation

*Affirmation of Faith

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;
And though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day;
And though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day;
And though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials;
And now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day;
And though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine;
And though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord, you have always spoken when the time was ripe;
And though you be silent, today I believe. Amen.

(from Common Prayer for Ordinary Radicals)

Prayers of the People

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

*Hymn Blessed Are They , verses 4-5

*Blessing

*Postlude The Lord Bless You and Keep You arr. Sanborn

Blest Are They

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Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God’s ways.